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#### **MESSAGE:**

Please file the attached Amendment E in the referenced matter.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	25	MINUS	83	0	x 25 =	x 50 = \$-0-
Independent Claims	3	MINUS	13	0	x 100 =	x 200 = \$-0-
Multiple Depe	ndent Claim Pro	sent and Fe	e Not Previous	ly Paid		
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Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMBRP001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Grosso for his courtesy in the brief telephonic interview of March 14, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants hereby respond to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2006. Claims 38-43, 45, 47-48, 50, 54-57, 65, 67-70, 73-75, 78, and 83-88 were previously pending in the application. Claims 40, 56, and 73 are cancelled with selected remaining claims being amended, or not, as discussed below. As a consequence, Claims 38, 39, 41-43, 45, 47-48, 50, 54, 55, 57, 65, 67-70, 74, 75, 78, and 83-88 are now pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter amendments to the claims listed below. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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